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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 22, 2002**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the official action dated November 22, 2002.  
Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 5, and 6 as follows:

F1  
1. (Three Times Amended) In an apparatus for applying a drinking straw to a receiving surface of a stand up bag which is supplied on a conveying surface to a transfer means for drinking straws, the improvement comprising that the stand up bag lies with a side surface resting on the conveyor surface that is generally opposite said receiving surface (3a) and that said transfer means (5) is arranged such that the drinking straw (2) while being handed over encloses an acute angle ( $\alpha$ ) with the conveying surface (4a).

F2  
5. (Amended) An apparatus for applying drinking straws to receiving surfaces of stand up bags, the apparatus comprising:

stand up bags having a bottom surface, a top end, and at least two opposite side surfaces interconnecting the bottom surface and the top end;